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MONTEREY NEWS



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OUR TOWN



Town Informational Meeting

In a businesslike yet relaxed atmosphere about 50 residents of the town met on the evening of April 25 to discuss an agenda of 10 items of concern to those interested in the welfare of the town. John Ryder chaired the meeting. Two selectmen and a number of town officials were present.

In discussing Route 23 it was noted that at present nothing different is being done for the maintenance of the road than was done last year. District Highway Engineer Dean Amidon noted, however, that state funds are available for work on the high-accident areas when these have been determined. A bill presently before the legislature would make further funds available at a later date.

There was considerable discussion on the location of the new town beach after Selectman Thomas Bradley, chairman of the Beach Needs Committee, had made his report on the deliberations of the committee so far. The prime considerations are safety, beauty, privacy, size and convenience. Four sites, each with its advantages and disadvantages, have been considered, and the citizens will be given a chance to vote on the Committee's recommendations at a special town meeting to be called in a few weeks.

The horsepower restriction on Lake Garfield has been turned down by the State Division of Marine and Recreational Vehicles, chiefly because of the difficulty of enforcement, due to the "grandfather" clause permitting those already owning over 50 hp boats to continue to use them. Dean Amidon urged the selectmen to pursue their efforts in this direction, however, as he does not feel that enforcement is a problem and has offered to help in any way he can.

Paul Thorn, chairman of the Planning Board, reported that a new document was being prepared comprising changes in zoning by-laws to include such problems as multiple dwellings, gravel pits, etc. An effort will be made to keep it as clear and simple as the old document, which has served, well, without change, for almost ten years.

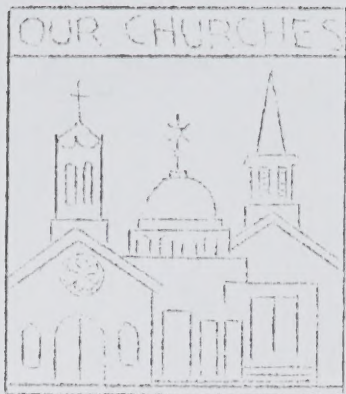
The IAG (Transportation Advisory Group) committee was explained to those who did not know what it was. Its central purpose is to serve as a channel for the public's wishes, in coordination with the Regional Planning Commission.

Selectman Chairman John Pizzichemi expressed himself strongly in favor of aeration control of the weeds and algae on Lake Buel, rather than chemical control, which does not result in permanent elimination of undesirable growth. Unfortunately, the fund available for this work at present designates chemical control.

Several other items were briefly dealt with. Nothing is being done about a new boat launch at present and no one is pushing for its construction. The Town Machinery Committee was congratulated by Mr. Pizzichemi for its help in making recommendations on culverts and other matters which the selectmen would otherwise have had to look into themselves. Douglas Lyman, Police Chief, made a plea for the purchase of radar equipment and said the amount spent would be reimbursed by the government, thus allowing more available funds for the Police Department. Only one-quarter of the \$1200 needed has been raised so far. Sheldon Fenn, Chairman of the Board of Assessors, urged all citizens to examine their tax bills carefully, as there has been some trouble with computers in this area. The problem of trees cut down but not removed from the sides of the roads was brought up, and the Tree Warden is already attending to this matter.

Sanitary Landfill Site in Monterey Opposed

At the Selectmen's Meeting on April 30 members of Curran Associates, representing the Berkshire County Regional Planning Commission, tried to persuade the town of Monterey of the monetary benefits that would accrue to it through using the town dump at Gould Farm as a regional sanitary landfill site. The selectmen and the 25 residents who turned out for the meeting were unanimous in their opposition to the plan and expressed themselves in vigorous terms. Principal reasons for this opposition were the change in character of the area if garbage trucks were to clutter the roads, coming from other towns in the county to use the Monterey dump, and the discouragement to the establishment of a voluntary re-cycling process at the dump, plans for which are already underway.



CATHOLIC CHURCH

Masses every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. at the Immaculate Conception Church, Mill River.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Notes Morning worship at 10:30 a.m. every Sunday. . . . Church School and Confirmation Class every Sunday at 9:15 a.m. On Sunday, April 29, Nancy Elizabeth, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Phillips received Christian baptism

Pentecost Sunday

After Christmas and Easter, Pentecost is considered by many to be the third great festival of the Church. Pentecost comes this year on Sunday, June 10. We plan to make the day a truly joyous festival, in which we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the "birthday of the Church".

Massachusetts Conference Annual Meeting

A new pattern for the Massachusetts Conference of the United Church was used this year, with the annual meeting being held on Saturday and Sunday, May 5 and 6. The delegates were Hadley Simons and Marie Brallier, with Dr. Brallier also representing the church as minister. Following the suggestion of the Conference, the service on that Sunday in Monterey was conducted by the laity, with Bill Matthews being the preacher of the day.

Church School Closing June 3

The final day of classes will be on Sunday, June 3. Plans are being considered for an all-church picnic on the closing day. All are asked to watch for further announcements concerning this event.



At long last the marker has been placed on the Parade Common, which is located opposite the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lankenau.

This property was used as a drill field by the early Monterey colonists. At that time, the town center was located there, with church, school and minister's home nearby.

The field belonged to Ebenezer Jackson, and in 1807 he sold it to the selectmen, Adonijah Bidwell, Asa Bigelow and Samuel Tibbals, for \$15.00. The deed reads "for the benefit and accommodation of the Public for a Parade Common, and it is agreed that it never shall be enclosed as private property or any private building ever erected. It is part of my house lot estimated to contain half an acre more or less."

Thanks go to the young man who graded and seeded the ground, those who donated the stone and the Parks and Recreation Commission for completing the venture.

Sally Fijux

Growth Groups This Summer

Several persons have told Dr. Brallier that they hoped he would run a growth group in Monterey this summer. If there is sufficient interest for a group to be formed, this would be possible. Persons who have interest in such a group should communicate with Dr. Brallier.

BELIEVING IN LIFE

The experience of death has a strange way of teaching us to believe in life. Indeed, without the presence of death we might never learn to cherish life properly. This reflection regarding life cannot be an academic exercise, since our family is still dealing with the death of our Stephen late in January. It seems necessary to keep some accounting in our experience of the ways in which death continues to speak to us about the meaning of life. I do this not merely from a selfish desire to ventilate feelings, but I am finding that a growing number of persons long to have the conspiracy of silence over death broken. Many a dying person finds that no one is willing to talk to him about the coming event. So he ends his days surrounded by pretense and make-believe. Furthermore, I am finding that those who have experienced death in the family find it difficult to know how to share feelings and experiences with others. So, once again, silence reigns instead of people having the freedom to bring all they are experiencing out into the open.

Losing a loved one can have the effect of increasing one's love of life. Needless to say, such a loss can also have the opposite effect. Most of us know persons who have lost all interest in continuing their own lives after the death of a loved one. Yet I would affirm that in the presence of death it is possible to cherish life as a very precious treasure, and thus to treat it with greater reverence than ever before. The experience of our family in the time since Stephen was taken from us so suddenly has been to deepen the bonds among all that remain. Knowing more keenly the possibility of losing those we love through death, the tendency is to cherish more deeply each person and each day that is given. Yet by a slight turn this cherishing of life through death could become simply an exercise in caution and fear, lest death should overtake another. In a strange way this knowledge that comes through death has the effect of freeing instead of freezing life.

The Easter season is just past. I found it illuminating to read again the stories of Jesus' resurrection appearances among his friends. These familiar stories took on new weight as they were read in the light of our own personal loss -- and yet hope. Time and again Jesus showed up in the midst of various groupings of his disciples. Some of the accounts suggest that the appearances were as though "in a body" that did not observe the ordinary limitations of time and space. In any instance, most of these appearances were for the strengthening, encouragement and guidance of those who continued in life. The gospels and various of the epistles carry the promise that the resurrection of those who come after Jesus is to be patterned upon his resurrection. I find myself wondering again and again about the connecting links between the realm we call death and the one we call life. We treat them often as though the one totally negates the other. I find I am thinking this way less and less often. Quite obviously, life and death are a part of a single pattern, and not simply opposites.

The expansion and contraction of the heart are both a necessary part of the heartbeat. In walking, the left leg and the right one alternate in activity and rest. The deadness of winter and the liveliness of spring are all comprehended within the rhythm of a year. Because I have lived through a number of years I have learned not to fear the deadness of winter. Indeed, experience shows us that this apparent deadness is a vital part of the continuing cycle of life. If only we had broader perspective we would most likely discover there is little to be feared in death, for there might then be ways of confirming the intimations we have of it being an integral part of the continuing life of man.

The important thing is not to rationalize the way life and death are bound into a common whole. Our experiences with both life and death become the real test. At first it is hard to make anything of death, except that it diminishes or destroys life. Yet the intimations continue to come to many who have experienced the death of those they love that life does not cease with the destruction of the physical body. What are we to do with these intimations? We would be wise to do what any person who cares to learn must do. In the face of great areas of ignorance we must suspend judgment. Out of a lifetime we may catch some glimpses of the greatness and glory of life. The longer I live and the more I learn about death, the greater is my ability to believe in life.

Virgil V. Brallier, Minister
Monterey United Church of Christ

MONTEREY'S SUMMER FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

As spring buds bloom, so do plans for this summer's Fourth Annual Monterey Festival of the Arts. Its events will be scheduled over two successive weekends, Friday through Sunday -- August 10, 11 and 12, and August 17, 18 and 19.

Within the framework, the Festival offers many exciting presentations, representing all the arts through the talents of Monterey residents, both permanent and summer, and our neighboring arts centers. The Art Exhibit at the church will be open on these dates, as well as on afternoons during the week. The traditional Ecumenical Worship Service will conclude Festival celebrations on Sunday morning, August 19.

According to Festival chairmen and committee members there is a special need for talent in certain areas. All interested in participating should get in touch with the designated persons as soon as possible so that Festival plans can be finalized early:

- . . . Talent for ARTS & CRAFTS DISPLAY. Sharon and Allan Steinberg, co-chairmen of this event, can be addressed at Art School Road, or phoned at 528-4115. They are especially interested in those with experience in quilting photography, candle making and woodworking.
- . . . Chairman for KITE FLYING CONTEST. An experienced kite maker interested in sharing his high flying secrets with Monterey youngsters is needed to organize this Festival feature, now planned for August 17. Contact Norman or Bette Seigerman, Peartown Road, or by phone at 528-0331.
- . . . Talent for both DRAMA AND POETRY NIGHT and the FURNEL DANCE PROGRAM is now being considered. Those who wish to participate, or who know of others who would, contact the Seigermans or Linda Hebert, Tyringham Road, or at 528-3170. Drama and Poetry Night is scheduled for August 10 and the Dance Festival will again be held in Greene Park on Sunday afternoon, August 12.

Chairmen for all Festival events and firm dates will be announced in the next issue of the MONTEREY NEWS. Meanwhile, star these two August weekends on your calendar.

Norman and Bette Seigerman
Co-chairmen

NEW MARLBOROUGH-MONTEREY PTA

At the April meeting of the PTA the members voted to donate the sum of \$400 to the New Marlborough Playground Committee. Mr. Paul Langer, Principal, passed around pictures of the equipment, which will be installed on the playground some time in June.

The Nominating Committee presented the following slate of officers: President, Mrs. May Clark; Vice-President, Mrs. Maxine Labrecque; Secretary, Mrs. Karen Ketchum; and Treasurer, Mrs. Nell MacKenzie.

Mr. Langer reported that the fourth grade trip will be at the end of May and that they will tour Sturbridge Village.

The next regular meeting of the PTA is scheduled for May 21 at the New Marlborough Central School. Election and installation of the new officers will take place at that time.

We encourage parents and interested citizens to attend an instructional program on "Individualized Education", sponsored by all the PTA's in our school district. It will be presented on May 23.

Brian T. Callahan
President

MONTEREY GRANGE # 291

On April 18 1st and 2nd degrees were conferred on Patricia Howard and James Johnston. Deputy Earl Cook from Westfield was present and made his official Visitation.

On May 2 the 3rd and 4th degrees were conferred on the same candidates. The 3rd degree was conferred by the ladies' degree team, with Mary Wallace as Master, and the 4th degree by the regular officers.

At the next meeting, on May 16, there will be a Conservation Program in charge of Eleanor Kimberley, with a Parcel Post sale for the benefit of conservation committee projects.

Mary Wallace
Lecturer



GIRL SCOUTS

The Juniors are preparing for the Court of Honor in Great Barrington on May 25. At this time the girls will receive the badges which they have been working for all year. The Monterey troops will be providing the refreshments for the whole affair this year. Troop 498 is also making preparations for a camping trip on the weekend of June 8. The girls will have to plan and purchase food for five meals before embarking on the trip.

The Cadets have completed their Chef and Hostess badges and these able girls met a challenge on Saturday, May 5, by planning and conducting a birthday party for Katie Bradley. They

have also held a supper for their parents at which the girls exhibited some of the arts and crafts projects they have been engaged in. Girls from both troops have been participants in the Town Clean-Up and also assisted with the Easter Egg Hunt.

BROWNIES

The Brownies enjoyed a trip to the Henry Eggenberger farm. Two Brownies, Alicia Burns and Jill Jenssen, will receive their Brownie Wings and fly up to the Junior troop.

WEBELOS

The Webelos were excited about an overnight hike they took on May 12 at Benedict Pond. The boys presented an original skit at the April pack meeting, complete with an exploding firecracker which created quite a stir in the audience. Awards in April went to Steven Brown -- two-year pin and Athlete, and Shawn Ryder -- Traveller.

Mary Jo Lemmerman

CUB SCOUTS

At the April pack meeting Monterey Cub Scouts, Pack 51, Den 1, did a skit for Knights of the Round Table, named "Pop the Magic Dragon". There was a raffle for a blue and gold round afghan which Anne Marie Makuc won, on her first birthday. Awards were given to: Kevin Bradley -- Pear Badge and one Gold Arrow; Joseph Hall -- Wolf Badge, one Gold Arrow and one Silver Arrow, and Jeffrey Bynack -- one Silver Arrow. Den 1 has made trips to Laurel Hill Tower, Stockbridge Cemetery and Sheffield Pottery.

John Makuc

Scout activities will conclude with a family picnic on June 8 at York Pond. Thanks are due to all the Scouts who assisted in the Town Clean-Up.

4-H

Berkshire County 4-H Day was held April 28 in Pittsfield at the Taconic High School. A small group from Monterey attended this year. The only participant in the dress revue was Kristine Heath who received an Excellent on her jumper. Exhibits were put in by Shawn Ryder who received 3 Excellents, 2 Very Goods and 1 Good. Kristine Heath received 1 Excellent and 1 Good. Kenny Heath got 1 Good. Workshops were in the morning and afternoon this year. Mrs. Vickerman, Mrs. Heath and Mrs. Ryder put on three of the workshops.

Help is needed: The 4-H usually has 15 to 20 girls going to the 4-H Day from Monterey. This year we had no leaders for the Juniors. There must be someone in the town of Monterey that could take 4 or 5 girls a week, or every other week, and help them with sewing. Perhaps someone would like to help with a cooking group. Please help the youth of the town for the coming fall. If interested call Mrs. Ryder.

Garden Club A 4-H Garden Club has been organized this year with the help of the Monterey Grange. Each 4-H member has a Grange member for a sponsor. 4-H'ers that are in this club are Wendy Bynack, William Bynack, Kenneth Heath, Kristine Heath, Warren Thomson, Susan Heath, Shawn Ryder, Andrea Pizzichemi, Ellen Pedersen and Ann Pedersen. Grange members are Mrs. Warner, Marion Thomson, Mrs. Vickerman and Mrs. White. The 4-H leader is Mrs. Ryder.

Monterey Panhandlers As one of their recent activities, the Monterey Panhandlers cooked, served and consumed a complete dinner consisting of spaghetti and meatballs, cornbread, chocolate milkshake and brownies

Monterey Roadrunners The Monterey Roadrunners are planning a Horse Show with 12 classes for Sunday, May 26. The show is open to all Monterey residents and is to be held at Gould Farm, starting at 1:00 p.m. Information concerning the show is available through Mrs. Heath or at the Monterey Store.

The children of the 4-H groups will be selling cookies from May 5 through May 30.

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YOUTH NEWS (continued)

JUNIOR HI YOUTH GROUP

The Junior Hi Youth Group did an able job of serving the Easter community breakfast. This group is looking forward to a hike on the Appalachian Trail as soon as the weather cooperates. They are also planning to continue their activities through the summer months.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

This month we have received contributions from Mr. and Mrs. Haviland Staples, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Stein and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Weber. We are grateful for your continuing interest.

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